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Examiner: Hong, John C.  
Title: METHOD FOR OPERATING A CASTING-ROLLING PLANT

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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